

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 611

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to recognize Senior Master Sergeant James H. Horn, Tennessee Air National Guard, for his outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize members of the armed forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Senior Master Sergeant James H. Horn, who recently retired from his post as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Wing Safety Office for the 118<sup>th</sup> Air Wing of the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, born on November 9, 1952, in Paducah, Kentucky, James Horn graduated from Estill County High School and earned an associate's degree in industrial science from Eastern Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, honorably answering the call of duty, Senior Master Sergeant Horn completed his training at the Aircraft Maintenance School before joining the 375<sup>th</sup> AFW as the A-7 Aircraft Maintenance Crew Chief in Myrtle Beach; he subsequently rendered sterling service as the Senior Crew Chief for the 497<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squad and as a Flight Mechanic for the C-9 Medical Airlift Squad; and

WHEREAS, in April of 1981, James Horn decided to dedicate his military expertise to the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, this American hero has held numerous influential positions, including serving with acumen and alacrity as a Crew Chief, First Sergeant, and Ground Safety Superintendant; and

WHEREAS, as the Safety Superintendant, he was responsible for the safety, health, and weapons training of the 118<sup>th</sup> and the 105<sup>th</sup> personnel, and as the OSHA representative liaison,

he expertly advised the Senior Leadership and Commanders of vital safety and health issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, James Horn has served with the courage and conviction of a true patriot in more than 100 different countries; and

WHEREAS, during his last deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Senior Master Sergeant Horn masterfully supervised all facets of flight, ground, and weapons safety on a forty-square mile installation, which housed over 3,500 U.S. and Coalition Airman, Soldiers, and civilians; and

WHEREAS, a highly trained professional, James Horn completed the Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership School, the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Course, the Non-Commissioned Command Academy Course, the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Course, the Quality Facilitator Instructor Course, the Community College of the Air Force's Aircraft Maintenance Technology Course, and the First Sergeant Academy Course; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished military career, Senior Master Sergeant Horn has earned a plethora of honors and awards, including the Airman's Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Vietnam Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Longevity Service with six oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Government of Kuwait, the Tennessee Adjutant General's Ribbon of Valor, and the Tennessee National Guard Commendation; and

WHEREAS, he also received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and the Commanders Award for the 118<sup>th</sup> Air Wing, was named Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter for the 118<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Air National Guard, was an active member of both the 118<sup>th</sup> Base Honor Guard and the first TOP-3 Group to

be formed at Ali Al Salem Air Force Base in Kuwait, and was the Runner up for the CMSgt Paul H. Lankford Commandant's Award; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, James Horn is most grateful of the love and support he shares with his wife of forty years, Janice McGee, and they are both very proud of their two children and their four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Horn exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable military career, James Horn has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors, his peers, and those under his command; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should thank him on behalf of the citizens of the State of Tennessee for his courage and sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms and liberty we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Senior Master Sergeant James H. Horn on his outstanding career with the Tennessee Air National Guard, praise him for his devotion to his country, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.